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We delivered on October 14 reftel talking points to Isabel Rodriguez Fernandez, Deputy Director for International Relations at the Customs and Special Taxes Department. In a follow up telephone conversation, Assistant of Deputy Director Pablo Herrera told us off-the-record the issue is being discussed at the European Union level and that later on the EU will decide if the Framework will be signed. He added that each country at an individual level is not considering the signature of the framework. Pablo Herrera promised to respond officially as soon as his office receives the approval from Customs Director General. AGUIRRE